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House Resolution No. 4368

Whereas, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge a milestone event in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious medical institutions, Saint Louis Children's Hospital; and

Whereas, established in 1879, Saint Louis Children's Hospital is celebrating the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its founding as the first pediatric hospital west of the Mississippi River and the seventh such facility in the United States; and

Whereas, today's Saint Louis Children's Hospital serves more than 250,000 patients each year as an affiliate of the Washington University School of Medicine, one of the country's top medical schools and a recipient of numerous research grants; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Children's Hospital has welcomed through its doors children from all fifty states and from more than fifty foreign countries; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Children's Hospital is one of the nation's top pediatric transplant centers, enjoys national recognition for its neonatal intensive care unit by <u>Child</u> magazine, and is ranked among America's best children's hospitals by <u>Child</u> magazine and <u>US News & World Report</u>; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Children's Hospital is the only children's hospital in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois that has been designated a pediatric burn center by the American Burn Association, one of only two pediatric hospitals in Missouri accredited by the American Diabetes Association, a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center with a rooftop helipad, and the host of the largest and most comprehensive treatment program for children with Cerebral Palsy; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Children's Hospital extends its services to children and families in the community through numerous health workshops and educational partnerships which address such timely topics as nutrition and fitness, childhood immunizations, injury prevention, firearm safety, car seat and helmet safety, and smoking prevention and cessation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of Saint Louis Children's Hospital and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they observe the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their medical institution and our sincerest best wishes for continued success in pediatric medicine for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Saint Louis Children's Hospital.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4368, adopted October 27, 2004.